

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Chair Kay Granger
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

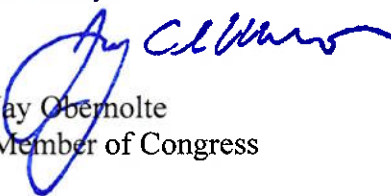
Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency's Replenish Big Bear program in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency, located at 121 Palomino Dr, Big Bear City, CA 92314. The funding would be used to protect Big Bear Valley and the Santa Ana Watershed from the impacts of drought and variable precipitation. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Replenish Big Bear is a multi-benefit program that will produce up to 2.2 million gallons per day of purified water to help protect the region from the impacts of climate change and to provide substantial water supply, environmental, recreational, and economic benefits to the Big Bear Valley.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Jay Obernolte
Member of Congress